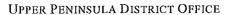


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August 24, 2012

Mr. Jim Iwanicki, P.E. Marquette County Road Commission 1610 North Second Street Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

Dear Mr. Iwanicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality is actively reviewing the Marquette County Road Commission's application to construct County Road 595 (11-52-0075-P). While no decision has been made on this application, we have started to draft conditions that we would place in a permit for this road if one is issued. We are providing them to you now so that you can factor them into your consideration as to how to proceed with this application. We welcome any discussion with you that these preliminary draft conditions generate.

Prior to finalizing our decision on this application, we will be reviewing your August 16, 2012, letter responding to our request for additional information, including the additional slope staking that was described, the mitigation plan that was submitted on August 21 and any other information we receive that would factor into our decision-making process. In addition, we will be attending the USEPA public hearing on August 28, 2012, to listen to the testimony presented on your application. Our goal is to provide a decision on this application by October 1, 2012.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at 906-346-8535.

Sincerely

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Upper Peninsula District Supervisor

Water Resources Division

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